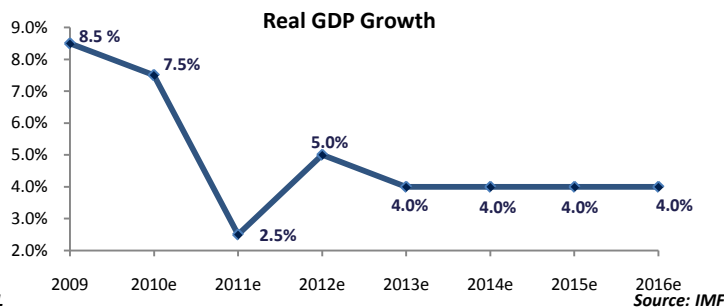
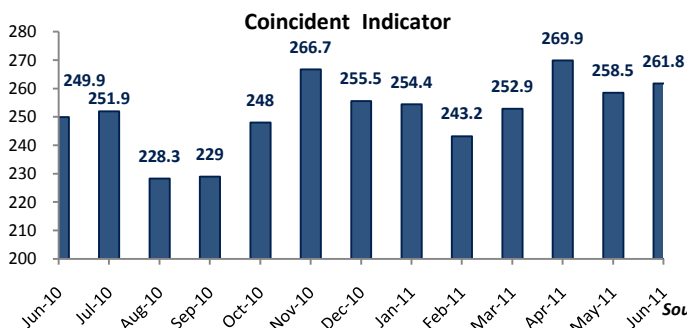


LEBANON ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS: June 2011

Coincident Indicator (INDIC) up 4.8% YOY in June 2011 :

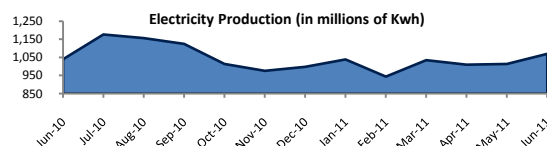
Coincident indicator was created in 1994 by the BDL as a monthly estimate of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It includes eight economic indicators that seek to reflect the current state of the economy in Lebanon. In June 2011, the coincident indicator witnessed an increase of **4.8% YOY** from 249.9 in June 2010 to 261.8 in June 2011. The indicator increased 1.3% MOM from 258.5 in May 2011. The economic variables that compose the coincident indicator are: electricity production, cement deliveries, cleared checks, money supply M3, passengers flows, imports of petroleum derivatives, imports and exports.



According to the IMF, the Lebanese economy is projected to have a growth rate of 2.5% in 2011. The estimated rate for 2012 is 5.0% and it is forecasted to stabilize at 4.0% for the following four years into 2016.

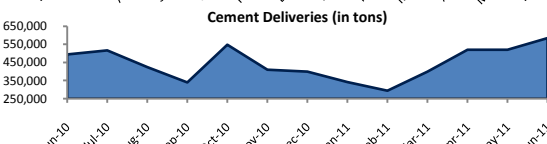
Electricity Production:

Electricity production increased 2.9% YOY and 5.5% MOM to 1,070 million of Kwh.



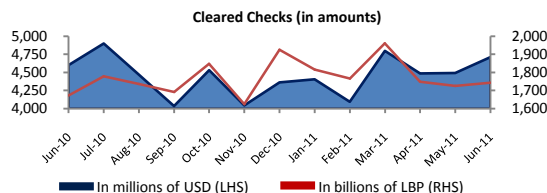
Cement Deliveries:

Cement deliveries, an indicator of construction activity, increased by 18.3% YOY to 585,009 tons and increased 12.4% MOM. Cement deliveries improved in the first six months of 2011 by 2.9% relative to the same period in 2010.



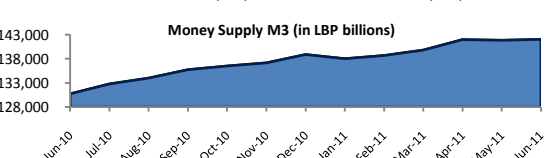
Cleared Checks:

The value of cleared checks in both LBP and USD rose 6.2% YOY to USD 5,869 million. The cleared checks in LBP increased by 4.2% YOY to LBP 1,743 billion and increased 1.0% MOM, while those in USD increased 2.4% YOY to USD 4,713 million and rose 4.9% MOM.



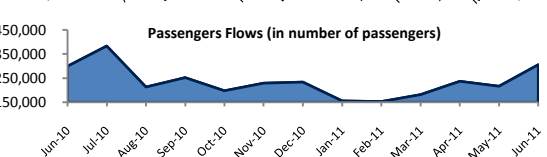
Money Supply M3:

M3 rose by 8.6% YOY but is stable MOM to LBP 142,055 billion (94.2 USD billion), of which 61.1% denominated in foreign currencies. M3 increased 9.7% in the first six months of 2011.



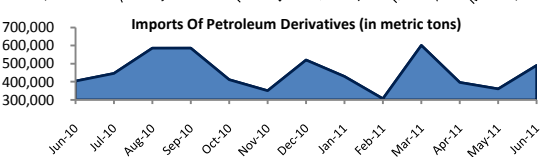
Passengers Flows:

The number of passengers arriving to Lebanon increased by 2.1% YOY and 41.2% MOM to 305,439. Also, the number of passengers arriving to Lebanon totaled 1,248,177 in the first half of 2011, constituting a drop of -0.24% from 1,251,137 in the same period last year.



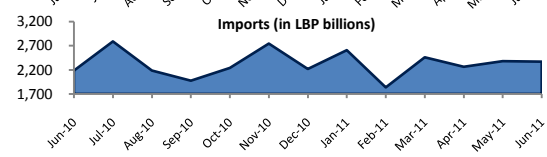
Imports Of Petroleum Derivatives:

Imports of petroleum derivatives increased by 21.4% YOY and 36.0% MOM to 490,630 metric tons of petroleum derivatives.



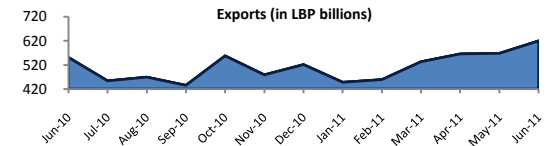
Imports:

Imports increased by 8.5% YOY to LBP 2,370 billion and dropped -0.4% MOM. The biggest share of imported goods were mineral products, machinery & mechanical appliances and products of chemicals.



Exports:

Exports totaled LBP 619 billion reflecting an increase of 12.4% YOY and 9.1% MOM, with main exports being pearls, precious and semi-precious stones followed by base metals & articles of base metals and machinery & mechanical appliances.



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